

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claim 34 is amended herein. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

On page 2 of the office action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure. In response, the Applicant has amended the specification to provide the missing U.S. patent application serial number.

On page 2, the Examiner rejected claim 34 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McGowan. On page 3, the Examiner stated that claims 1-33 are allowable over the prior art. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are allowable over the cited references.


Claim 34 has been amended to distinguish over the teachings in McGowan. According to currently amended claim 34, at least one of the first and second output buffers is adapted to present its outgoing signal at the second pad. Support for the amendments to claim 34 is found, for example, in Fig. 2.

While it is true that McGowan teaches that both analog circuit 28-2 and analog circuit 28-3 are adapted to be connected, via pass gates 32-1 and 32-2, respectively, to the same pad 30, McGowan does not teach or even suggest a configuration in which at least one of those analog circuits is also adapted to be connected to another pad. As such, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 34 is allowable over McGowan. The Applicant submits therefore that the rejection of claim 34 under Section 102(b) has been overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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